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Dear NSBBA Member:

On behalf of TIANS and the Nova Scotia Bed and Breakfast Association (NSBBA) we are writing to provide an update on the Accommodation Act Review and Canada Select criteria changes.

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Accommodation Act Review

On July 7th the Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage announced it would review the Accommodation Act. TIANS, with NSBBA advocated for this review primarily due to the unlicensed property and the indiscriminate camping issues. The government has advised us that they are working on a draft document that will be made available to key industry groups, including NSBBA, prior to any public consultation that would take place as a requirement of changes to the legislation. In the meantime, the Department has dedicated resources to address the unlicensed property issue and is providing biweekly updates on their progress in this area. Both TIANS and NSBBA will have an opportunity to respond to any proposed changes to the Act. We believe this will be a good opportunity to bring new operators into the tourism industry and ensure whatever legislation is in place is effective and enhances the safety and quality of the tourism accommodation product.



Canada Select

It appears there is still some confusion regarding what changes will be coming into affect in 2007. Both TIANS and NSBBA have met separately with Canada Select to confirm and understand the actual changes that will affect Bed and Breakfast operators throughout Nova Scotia. It has come to our attention that proposed criteria changes that were part of the original study by Canada Select are in circulation. Many of these were not approved by Canada Select. In an effort to ensure credible information is available to the industry, we have included a copy of the B&B criteria changes. We have spoken to Ronald van der Weegen and he is available to discuss any of the approved changes. Ronald can be reached at 902-471-2857.

Both TIANS and NSBBA look forward to continuing to work on your behalf on issues that affect the Bed and Breakfast sector in Nova Scotia. If you have any questions in regards to the above, please feel free to connect with either of us. TIANS has recently updated our benefits for small operators and would encourage you to view the latest member benefits at www.tians.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Darlene Grant Fiander".

Darlene Grant Fiander
Acting President, TIANS
Enclosure

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerry Roberts".

Gerry Roberts
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